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SUBJECT: PHELPS-STOKES AFRICAN LECTURE SERIES

1. DR. MABEL SMYTHE, PHELPS-STOKES FUND COORDINATOR OF SUBJECT PROJECT IS LOOKING INTO POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING IVORY COAST AND MAURITIUS ON UPCOMING AFRICAN TRIP PURPOSE OF WHICH IS TO DETERMINE FEASIBILITY OF INITIATING EXCHANGE PROGRAM WITH LOCAL UNIVERSITIES.

2. FOR PAST TWO YEARS, CU/AF HAS AWARDED GRANT TO PHELPS-STOKES TO CARRY ON AFRICAN LECTURE SERIES IN WHICH AMERICANS FROM BLACK COLLEGES ARE ASSIGNED TO LECTURE AT SELECTED AFRICAN UNIVERSITIES FOR 3-4 MONTHS WHILE AFRICAN SCHOLARS TEACH AT BLACK U.S. COLLEGES FOR SIMILAR PERIOD OF TIME. OBJECT IS TO INCREASE BLACK COLLEGE PARTICIPATION IN EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE WITH AFRICA AND SUPPLEMENT REGULAR FULBRIGHT PROFESSOR PROGRAM WHICH NOT SPECIFICALLY ATTUNED TO BLACK ACADEME.

3. DR. SMYTHE ALSO PLANNING VISIT FREETOWN, LOME, KHARTOUM YAOUNDE, ADDIS ABABA, AND NAIROBI IN MID MARCH. THESE POSTS ALREADY NOTIFIED.

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4. WOULD APPRECIATE POST COMMENTS BY MARCH 5 RE

DESIRABILITY AND PRACTICALITY OF SUCH EXCHANGE WITH LOCAL
INSTITUTION OF HIGHER LEARNING. SINCE ITINERARY STILL
TENTATIVE POST SHOULD NOT RPT NOT APPROACH UNIVERSITY
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